Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): No. Government do not receive any report.

TOLLS—IRINJALAKKUDA MUNICIPALITY—INTRODUCTION OF.

176. Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*):

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Municipal Council, Irinjalakkuda has decided to introduce tolls in the Karupadanna, Kallettumkara and Trichur roads from the beginning of the year 1114 M. E.;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the positive, whether Government has approved of this decision;

(*c*) whether the Government has received a petition from the Irinjalakkuda Motor Union protesting against the introduction of these new tolls;

(*d*) and if so, how that petition has been disposed of?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Yes.
(*d*) The petition was not allowed. But the Government propose to reduce some of the toll rates of the Irinjalakkuda Municipality in view of the burden to the public which the introduction of Municipal tolls entails.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): Will the Government be pleased to enquire what is the distance between the revenue toll in Nadavaramba and the Municipal toll on the Karupadanna road?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): It will be two or two and a half miles.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): I think it is less than 2 miles—very nearly 2 miles.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): And the distance between the revenue toll and the Municipal toll, if my recollection is correct is $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Is the Government satisfied that the introduction of tolls at such short distances will cause apart from cost great inconvenience?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): No inconvenience. It is only a question of payment. For additional amenities it must be paid.

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Dr. A. R. Menon (*Trichur-North*): What is the rate that Government have proposed to fix?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): The rate has been reduced.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): Have orders been passed reducing the rates?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): May I know what the rates are?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): For every four wheeled steam or motor vehicle constructed to carry not more than 5 persons the rate of Re. 0—12—0 has been reduced to Re. 0-6—0; on every four wheeled steam or motor vehicle constructed to carry more than 5 but less than 10 the rate of Re. 1—0—0 has been reduced to Re. 0—12—0; on every other steam or motor four-wheeled vehicle the rate of Rs. 2—0—0 has been kept in tact, there being no reduction. Similarly on every steam or motor lorry the rate is Rs. 2—0—0; there is no reduction in that also; on every motor tricycle or motor bicycle with side car the rate of Re. 0—6—0 is reduced to Re. 0—4—0; on every motor bicycle without side-car the rate of Re. 0—4-0 is reduced to Re. 0—2—0. On every other bicycle or tricycle the rate of Re. 0—1—0 is reduced to Re. 0 0—6; on every other carriage or every cart with metal or rubber tyres the rate of Re. 0—4—0 is reduced to Re. 0—1—0; on every other carriage and on every cart with pneumatic tyres the rate of Re. 0—2—0 is reduced to Re. 0—1—0.....

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukau*): May I know, Sir, whether these rates were fixed by the Municipality or by the Government?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): The Municipality suggested and the Government approved.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): The answer to clause (*d*) is 'the petition was not allowed, but the Government have proposed to reduce'. It seems the petition was not allowed but after the petition the Government have given some reduction. Why should you give such misleading answers?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): It need not necessarily be that the petition first came and subsequently the reduction was made.

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Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): Is the Government aware that service buses travelling from Trichur to Pullut have to pay Rs. 6 by way of tolls after the introduction of these tolls?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): If they are very particular that they should pass through all these particular roads they must pay.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): May I know whether there is any other route?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): By coming to Kodakara and then going through Alur they can avoid the Municipal Toll at Irinjalakkuda.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): ഇരിങ്ങാലക്കുടയിലുള്ള റോഡുകൾക്ക് ഈ റിഡക്ഷൻ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): With regard to motor cars and motor lorries why is it that the rate has not been reduced? How many carriages included in the first item the Government expect to pass that way?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): We have not taken any accounts.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂരിൽ നിന്നും കുറുപ്പടന്നക്കുള്ള വഴിയിൽ എത്ര ചുങ്കങ്ങളുണ്ട്?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): 3 tolls.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): എട്ട മൈലിനു് ഒരു ചുങ്കത്തിൽ കൂടുതൽ പാടില്ല എന്നുണ്ടു്. അങ്ങിനെ എട്ടുമൈലിനു് അപ്പുറത്തു മറ്റൊരു ചുങ്കം പാടുള്ള എന്നു് വ്യവസ്ഥചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): ഇത്ര മൈലിനകത്തു് എന്നൊരു വ്യവസ്ഥയില്ല.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): ഈ റഗുലേഷൻപ്രകാരം വേണമെങ്കിൽ ഇനിയും ഗവൺമെൻറിനു് ചുങ്കം വെക്കാം അല്ലേ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): If the roads are used and if the Government think that at points tolls should be introduced, they will be introduced.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): ഇരിങ്ങാലക്കുട മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയിൽ ടോളുകൾ ചുമത്തുവാനുള്ള കാരണമെന്താണു്?

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Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): It is only to mitigate the hardship.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): തുണ്ടർനിന്നു് ചിറക്കൽക്കോകന്ന ബസ്സുകൾക്കു് ചിറയരിലുള്ള ചുങ്കം കുറച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): ഇല്ല.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): എത്ര നാഴിക ദൂരമുണ്ടു്?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): പത്തു നാല്പതു മൈൽസു് ഉണ്ടാകും.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): അങ്ങിനെയാണെങ്കിൽ തലക്കു ചുങ്കങ്ങൾ കുറച്ചുകൊടുക്കുവാൻ ഗവൺമെൻറിനു് ഒരു വിഷമമുണ്ടാകുമോ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): There is no chance of being reduced.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): ഇരിങ്ങാലക്കുടയിലെ ചുങ്കം കുറച്ചതുപോലെ തുണ്ടരിലെ ചുങ്കവും കുറക്കുവാൻ ഒരു വിഷമമുണ്ടാകുമോ?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): അതു് മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയുടെ അധികാരത്തിൽപ്പെട്ടതാണു്.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): കാലകം ഷെഡ്ഡിൽ വരുന്നതിനു് മുന്നു സ്ഥലത്തു് നാലണവീതം ഫീ അണ കൊടുക്കണമെന്നുള്ള വ്യവസ്ഥയുണ്ടോ?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Probably when they use the shed they will have to pay.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): തുണ്ടർനിന്നു് ഒരു ബസ്സു് പോകുകയാണെങ്കിൽ ഇരിങ്ങാലക്കുട ഷെഡ്ഡിൽ കയറാതെ പോകുവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയുണ്ടോ? ഇതല്ലാതെ വേറെ റോഡുണ്ടോ? ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട പോലീസു് കമ്മീഷണരവർകൾ മറുപടി പറഞ്ഞാൽകൊള്ളാം.

Mr. V. P. Kannu Pillai (*Mattancheri*): മട്ടാഞ്ചേരിയിൽ മുന്നു നാഴിക ചെല്ലുമ്പോഴാണു് ഒരു ടോളുള്ളതു്.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): ഇടക്കൊച്ചിയിൽ.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): Will the Government be pleased to give a straight answer whether the reductions in the Municipal tolls have been effected by the Municipality or by the Government.

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): On the recommendation of the Municipality for reduction Government sanctioned it. The Municipality has to levy tolls according to the rates prescribed in the Act. If any reduction is to be

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effected Government sanction is necessary. Accordingly the Municipality has taken sanction of the Government.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): My question is whether the Government will be pleased to co-operate with the Municipality in redressing the grievances of the motor owners by effecting reduction in the revenue tolls also.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): It is impossible for this reason. The Government rates are not confined to Trichur to Pullut road alone but for the entire State. And the toll if reduced will be helpful to all those who use the entire length of the road.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): On account of the introduction of these several Municipalities there has been some difficulty and trouble to the bus owners. Will the Government be pleased to consider ways and means to get out of this difficulty either by giving a contribution to the Municipality or by making some sort of pooling arrangement by which the revenues from the tolls will be divided between the Government and the Municipality?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): I have to inform the hon'ble member about the facts on which the Chairman's report is based. It seems that the Chairman has ascertained the views of the bus owners and they seem to have said that they will raise the fares of passengers at any rate. And this is the reason I understand why the Chairman did not recommend a reduction in the toll for the buses.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): The petition referred to is from the Irinjalakkuda Motor Union of which all the bus owners between Pullut and Trichur are members and it is the petition to the Government from that Motor Union protesting against the introduction of too many tolls. My question is whether the Government will be pleased to consider this question and arrive at some solution by which this hardship will be redressed. In answer (*d*) it is stated that the petition was not allowed. Will you be pleased to give a hearing to the Motor Union in the matter of the petition?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): That will be considered.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukau*): When were orders passed on the petition from the Motor Union?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): That was before the reduced rates were allowed.

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Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): My question is whether there were fresh petitions recently from the Motor Union and whether orders have been passed on the petition?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): I want notice.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർ-കുറുപ്പടന്ന റോഡിൽ ഇരിങ്ങാലക്കുട മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിക്കകത്തുള്ളതു നന്നാക്കുന്നതു് മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയിൽ നിന്നോ, പബ്ലിക്ക് വർക്സിൽനിന്നോ?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റി അതുത്തിയിൽ പെട്ട റോഡ് മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയിൽ നിന്നാണ നന്നാക്കുന്നതു്.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയിൽ നിന്നാണോ ചിലവാക്കിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): അതെ.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): എല്ലു ചിലവായിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): I want notice.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): Was not a petition received from the Irinjalakkuda Motor Union regarding the burden to the public on account of the introduction of the Municipal tolls?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Trichur-North*): Do not the Government think that collecting more than Rs. 2,000 and odd from a bus owner is rather excessive?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): It may not be excessive if the bus owners realize much more than that.

ECONOMIC SURVEY OF THE STATE—EXPENDITURE INCURRED.

177. Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the total expenses incurred by the Government in connection with the economic survey of the State; and

(*b*) whether any and what steps have been taken in pursuance of the proposals contained in the report of the economic survey?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Rs. 36,229—4—8.

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